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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Please consider the following amendment and remarks which accompanies a Request for Continued Examination in the above-identified application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required to our deposit account No. 12-1155, including all required fees under: 37 C.F.R. §1.16; 37 C.F.R. §1.17; 37 C.F.R. §1.18; 37 C.F.R. §1.136.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.